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SUBJ: SISCO-ESENBEL CONVERSATION JANUARY 7: FY 74 MAP
ALLOCATIONS

1. TURK AMB ESENBEL CALLED AT HIS REQUEST ON ASST SEC
SISCO TO DISCUSS ALLOCATIONS UNDER THIS YEAR'S FOREIGN
ASSISTANCE ACT (FAA). NEA/TUR DIRECTOR DILLON ALSO
PRESENT.

2. ESENBEL OBSERVED THAT FY 74 FAA HAD NOW BEEN SIGNED
BY THE PRESIDENT. HE ASKED SISCO TO DESCRIBE HOW THE
TURKISH MAP PROGRAM WOULD LOOK THIS YEAR. SISCO REPLIED
THAT IT TOO EARLY TO REPLY IN ANY DETAIL. THE USG IS NOW IN
PROCESS OF MAKING ALLOCATIONS. ALTHOUGH BILL
IS MORE THAN WE HAD HOPED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, FUNDS FOR

CAMBODIA STILL CUTTING DEEPLY INTO AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

3. ESENBEL INTERJECTED THAT A PENTAGON OFFICIAL HAD TOLD
HIM THAT THE TURKISH PROGRAM WOULD BE AS GOOD OR BETTER
THAN LAST YEAR'S, ALTHOUGH FINAL DECISIONS WERE UP TO
THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THE OFFICIAL HAD ADDED THAT THIS
HAD ALSO TAKEN THE EW PROBLEM INTO ACCOUNT. SISCO REPLIED
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THAT HE WAS NOT SURE WHAT THE OFFICIAL MEANT. AS ESENBEL
KNEW WE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE EW PROBLEM, BUT HAD
ALWAYS TREATED IT AS SOMETHING SEPARATE. AS FAR AS
"REGULAR" MAP WENT, HE WAS AFRAID THAT THE CUT MIGHT BE

AS MUCH AS FIFTY PERCENT FROM THE FIGURES ESENBEL HAD SEEN IN OUR CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION DOCUMENT (CPD). THIS WAS BECAUSE AFTER TAKING CAMBODIA AND CERTAIN UNAVOIDABLE CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS FROM THE TOP, ALL LARGE PROGRAMS WOULD HAVE TO SUFFER.

4. ESENBEL INDICATED HE KNEW THAT THE CPD HAD CARRIED 80 MILLION DOLS. FOR TURKEY, AND THAT IF ONE INCLUDED TRANSPORTATION AND PACKING COSTS, IT MEANT ABOUT A 100 MILLION DOL. PROGRAM. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM WOULD BE LESS THAN THAT, BUT WISHED TO EMPHASIZE THAT A PROGRAM LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S WOULD BE MET WITH GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT IN TURKEY. SUCH CUTS WOULD BE GIVEN "VARYING POLITICAL INTERPRETATIONS" BY DIFFERENT CIRCLES.

5. SISCO ANSWERED THAT HE APPRECIATED THE AMBASSADOR'S CONCERN, BUT THE CAMBODIAN SITUATION WAS A SERIOUS ONE AND AS ESENBEL KNEW THE ADMINISTRATION WAS FACED WITH MAKING DIFFICULT CHOICES, NONE REALLY SATISFACTORY TO ANYBODY. SISCO STRESSED THAT EVERYTHING HE WAS SAYING WAS TENTATIVE BASED ON HIS OWN PRESENT JUDGMENT AND THAT IT WOULD BE ANOTHER TWO TO THREE WEEKS BEFORE THERE WERE FINAL DECISIONS. HE SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT ESENBEL TELL HIS GOVERNMENT THAT IF TURKEY GETS MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT OF THE CPD FIGURE IT WILL BE DOING VERY WELL. HE PROMISED THAT IN THE MEANTIME HE WOULD KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH ESENBEL. KISSINGER

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